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1. EMBASSY CANNOT RECALL OF ANY CASES WHERE THE AMBASSADOR OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY RESTRAINED OR VETOED ANY DEA ACTIVITY. TO THE CONTRARY; THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE DEA RESIDENT AGENT, THE AMBASSADOR'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR NARCOTICS AFFAIRS, AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE EMBASSY HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY CLOSE COOPERATION, OPENESS, FRANK DISCUSSIONS AND PRIOR APPROVAL OF OPERATIONS WITH POSSIBLE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY.

2. MAJOR EMBASSY NARCOTIC GOALS REMAIN: 1) TO SUPPORT AND WORK WITH GERMAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO COMBAT HEROIN AND OTHER NARCOTIC ABUSES IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND WEST BERLIN; AND 2) TO COORDINATE US EFFORTS WITH FRG OFFICIALS IN THE HEALTH, UN, AND DEVELOPMENTAL AID FIELDS. THE FORMER GOAL IS DESIGNED TO REDUCE HEROIN TRAFFICKING IN GERMANY, THUS REDUCING

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THE DANGER ASPILL-OVER EFFECT INTO US MILITARY UNITS IN GERMANY; THE POLICY IS ALSO DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF GERMANY BECOMING A MAJOR TRANSIT POINT FOR DRUGS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO U.S. THE SECOND GOAL IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE GERMAN SUPPORT OF AND COOPERATION WITH THE US IN ATTEMPTING TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE AND ILLEGAL SUPPLIES ON A

WORLDWIDE BASIS. THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AMONG MISSION ELEMENTS, INCLUDING DEA, CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARD THESE GOALS.

3. THE DEA SPECIAL AGENT IS A MEMBER OF THE AMBASSADOR'S TASK FORCE ON NARCOTICS AND REPORTS, ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY, TO THE AMBASSADOR AT QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE TASK FORCE. THE DEA AGENT AND THE AMBASSADOR'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR NARCOTIC AFFAIRS (SAANA) WORK TOGETHER ON ALMOST A DAILY BASIS; THE DEA AGENT KEEPS THE SANNA INFORMED OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN A GENERAL MANNER, WHILE THE SANNA INFORMS THE DEA REPRESENTATIVE OF POLICY ISSUES CONCERNING THE U.S. AND THE FRG. THE SANNA AND THE DEA AGENT WORK TOGETHER CLOSELY IN COORDINATING EMBASSY APPROACHES TOWARD THE GERMAN MINISTRIES INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS.

4. AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEA SPECIAL AGENT, THE AMBASSADOR CONFERRED WITH MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL GERMAN POLICE WITH WHOM THE DEA AGENT WORKS CONSTANTLY. THE DCM HAS ALSO MADE A POINT OF CONFERRING WITH THE STATE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY TO SUPPORT DEA'S ROLE HERE AND TO EMPHASIZE THE USG'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING NARCOTICS ABUSE. DURING A RECENT VISIT BY WHITE HOUSE AIDE LEE DOGOLOFF,

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THE DEA SPECIAL AGENT WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE U.S. TEAM THAT SUPPORTED DOGOLOFF THROUGHOUT HIS BONN CALLS.

5. A VERY SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF DEA/EMBASSY COOPERATION CONCERNING WEST BERLIN. RISING HEROIN AND OTHER NARCOTICS ABUSE IN WEST BERLIN HAS POSED A PARTICULARLY ACUTE PROBLEM TO THE WESTERN ALLIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE CITY. IN FULL COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. MISSION IN BERLIN AND THE U.S. EMBASSY, BONN, DEA HAS LAUNCHED BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS TO HELP STEM THE TIDE OF HEROIN ABUSE IN WEST BERLIN. THE U.S. MISSION IN BERLIN HAS HIRED A STAFF ASSISTANT IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE SPECIFICALLY TO WORK ON NARCOTICS MATTERS. SPECIAL ELEMENTS OF THE EMBASSY HAVE PROVIDED SPECIFIC INVESTIGATIVE MANPOWER TO COORDINATE WITH DEA IN UNCOVERING DRUG SUPPLY ROUTES INTO BERLIN. THE AMBASSADOR AND THE DCM HAVE ENDORSED DEA'S PROPOSAL TO BRING A STRIKE FORCE INTO BERLIN WHILE THE BERLIN MISSION HAS ELICITED HIGH-LEVEL BERLIN CITY GOVERNMENT

SUPPORT FOR AND COOPERATION WITH THE STRIKE FORCE.
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